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Council delays raise recommendation

Full-time elected officials in Romulus may get a raise next year, but members of the city council want to address some concerns, first.

The council members voted last week to table a recommendation from the Officers Compensation Commission that would have granted a 2-percent raise to the mayor, clerk and treasurer. The commission meets on odd years to determine what, if any, increases in compensation are warranted for the part-time council members and full-time officials. Those recommendations go into effect unless a 2/3 vote of the council rejects them.

> *We're not even in budget hearings yet and we're recommending a raise.*

The council members voted to table the recommendation until they could host a 5 p.m. study session prior to their Jan. 8 meeting. Councilwoman Virginia Williams had offered a motion to reject the recommendation, but rescinded it to allow time to talk to members of the commission.

"I think it's putting the cart before the horse. We're not even in budget hearings yet and we're recommending a raise," said Councilwoman Kathy Abdo, who supported Williams' initial motion to reject the recommendation. "I think this should be done along with our budget hearings. It should not be done before."

Romulus Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg said the city charter dictated the timing of the meetings and the subsequent recommendations to council. The council technically has 30 days to act on the recommendation.

"That's the only reason it's done at this time," she said. "The charter mandates that it's done at this time, prior to the end of the year."

The compensation committee last met in 2015, and recommended a raise for city officials at that time, as well. This time, they decided that the part-time council people should not receive an increase in compen-

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Events honor memory of Dr. King

Throughout the area next Monday, Jan. 15, communities will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. The annual celebrations mark Dr. King's momentous contributions to the fight for racial equality in our country and his lifelong dedication to improving our world and our understanding of our fellow man.

This year, celebrations are planned:

In Canton Township:

Canton Township will once again honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special tribute, "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." beginning at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

A punch and cookie reception will begin at the Village Theater at 6 p.m., followed by the main program at 6:30 p.m. This annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sub-Committee, and Canton Township.

This year, the keynote address will be presented by Dr. Doris J. Fields, a professor at Eastern Michigan University, who has extensive experience in interracial and interethnic communication.

The program will feature performances by Canton Community Choir, under the direction of Virginia Thorne-Hermann and Northridge Church Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Stanley Jordan. Lt. Dale Waltz from "Canton's Response To Hate Crimes Coalition" will also make a mainstage presentation.

Admission is $2 per person (cash only) or the donation of one canned good to Open Door Ministry, a local food pantry and job bank. Both will be accepted at the door the night of the event

For more information about this special performance, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org

In Inkster:

In Inkster, a Gospel Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

The 2018 Prayer and Gospel Tribute, Covered With Love, will take place at New Birth Baptist Church, 27628 Avondale St. in Inkster.

The celebration will feature Inkster City Councilman Steven Chisholm as the emcee along with a community prayer by Pastor Charlie Kinghten of Pilgrim Traveler Baptist Church.

Special guests at the event will be The Men of Antioch, a Detroit choir. There will also be performances by the St. Mark Baptist Youth Choir, Pilgrim Traveler

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'Coolest' festival will open tomorrow

The huge blocks of ice filling Kellogg Park in Plymouth will very soon become artistic creations designed to amaze and delight the 75,000 visitors expected to visit the 36th Annual Plymouth Ice Festival which officially opens with a ribbon cutting at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

More than 300 of the 300-pound blocks will be put in the hands of 15 professional ice carvers along with teams of college student ice carvers for the transformations.

This is the fifth year that James Gietzen of JAG Entertainment has been at the helm of the event and he said he is pleased with the growth and quality of the festival.

"It's improving every year," Gietzen said. "The first year we were trying to keep it alive and now, with the help of our sponsors, we are seeing it grow in size and quality."

Gietzen stressed that there will be something for everyone to do and enjoy at the festival, including the traditional ice carving competitions, Dueling Chainsaws, which Gietzen admits is his favorite event, the interactive sculptures, an ice playground, face painting and a petting farm for youngsters along with many other attractions.

"This event is sponsor driven," Gietzen said. "We do not get money from the city to present this. The attractions are all paid for by our sponsors and the local merchants who participate."

Those merchants are offering sales, special treats like s'mores and hot chocolate at fire pits and several other enticements for visitors. Sun and Snow will again offer free skiing lessons for youngsters and adults are also welcome to try the ski trail erected in Kellogg Park for the weekend.

One of the visitors this year

See **Festival,** page 4

Elizabeth Johnson

INKSTER - ROMULUS

Christmas in the Capitol

Inkster seniors took a trip to Lansing Dec. 8 hosted by State Sen. David Knezek. The senator invited 50 seniors to join him as his guests for an entire day in the Capitol, taking a close look at how state government works. The seniors got a first-hand look at the Legislature in action during the day-long event as Knezek's guests.

Raise

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sation. Meeting minutes indicated reasons for the justification of a 2-percent increase for the full-time officials were that some department heads already are paid more than the mayor, a small raise now would eliminate a need for a larger one in 2019 and it help ensure qualified people would seek office.

Councilman William Wadsworth said he agreed city officials should be adequately paid, but wasn't sure how well the public would react to the raises.

"It's all about perception," said Wadsworth. "We've asked the public for a millage for roads, the school is going to be coming up next year asking for a millage. It's hard-not that these individuals don't deserve it."

"I think we have to look at the big picture here," agreed Abdo. "It doesn't look good."

Williams agreed that it would be good to hear directly from the commissioners before casting the final vote.

"I understand the compensation board meets every two years, but we have to consider the funding of the city, the revenue," said Williams. "I just don't agree with their recommendations."

Library offers computer training

The Romulus Public Library will offer free one-on-one computer tutoring including help with Microsoft products, internet browsing and web applications, social media and email.

For help, sign up for a 30-45 minute session with one of the library professionals at the front desk of the library.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Chamber, library 'on a roll'

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Romulus Library will host a bowling night beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 at Romulus Lanes.

Bowling will begin promptly at 8 p.m. The cost is $20 per person and $40 per couple and include three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a cash bar available.

The event is limited to the first 72 bowlers who register. For tickets or information, call (734) 893-0694.

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE OF Final Statement
FY 2018/2019
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the Romulus City Council voted on Monday, *January 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm* to adopt the following final projects for the fiscal year 2018/2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an estimated $151,065 not including $5,000 in Program Income.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, improve recreational facilities and programs and assist in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

The following projects have been adopted and will meet HUD objectives by benefiting low and moderate-income families, preserving deteriorating housing stock and enhancing parks and public facilities.

OBJECTIVES:

A. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
B. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) Persons
C. Addressing Slums and Blight or Low and Moderate Income Housing Benefit
D. Meeting a particularly urgent community development need

FY 2018/2019 Proposed Projects

ACTIVITY		Amount:	* Objectives Met:
Senior Services/Public Services - LMC - 05A		$ 22,660	A, B
Park improvements in two City Parks: Historical and McAnally	LMA-03F	$113,298	A, D
General Administration - 21A (10%)		$ 15,107	A
	Sub-Total	$151,065	
Next available project from Program Income		$ 5,000 $156, 065	A, C,

For further information, contact the Economic Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7545.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-001
Chapter 34, Article III Noxious Weeds

An Ordinance to amend the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances: Chapter 34, Article III, Noxious Weeds, Grass, Brush, Etc. Sections 34-48 through 34-52.
THE CITY OF ROMULUS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN HEREBY ORDAINS:
Chapter 34, Article III, Noxious Weeds, Grass, Brush, Etc., Section 34-47, Section 34-48, Section 34-49, 34-50, 34-51, 34-52, and 34-53 are hereby amended.
The full amendments to this ordinance may be viewed at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.

CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-002
Chapter 62 – Article IV, Combined System

An Ordinance to amend the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances: Chapter 62, Article IV, Combined System, Sections 62-361 through 62-367, 62-372, and 62-375 through 62-377.
THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:
Chapter 62 Article IV Combined System, Sections 62-361 through 62-367, 62-372, and 62-375 through 62-377 are hereby amended.
The full amendments to this ordinance may be viewed at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this **27th** day of **December**, **2017**.
LEROY D. BURCROFF, Mayor
ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk
I hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of the Ordinances as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the **27th** day of **December**, **2017**.
ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk
I further certify that the foregoing was published in the **Romulus Eagle,** a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus on the **11th** day of **January**, **2018**.
ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC, City Clerk
Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.
Introduced: 12-11-17
2nd Reading: 12-27-17
Published/Effective: 01-11-18

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 27, 2017
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
17-441 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 11, 2017. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
17-442 2B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to approve the special meeting minutes of the Romulus City Council held on December 11, 2017, 630 p.m. Proposed Changes to Noxious Weed Ordinance; 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing CDBG Proposed Projects 2018/2019. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
3. Petitioner: None.
4. Chairperson's Report:
17-443 4A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to approve a no-fee permit for the Martin Luther King Day Celebration/Walk on Monday, January 15, 2108 from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 9:00 a.m. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
17-444 4B. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to approve the closure of both north and south-bound Wayne Road from Wick Road to Michelle Street on Monday, January 15, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. for the annual Martin Luther King Celebration/Walk. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
17-445 4C. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Nancy Lee Moore. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
17-446 4D. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Earl Michling. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. Motion Carried **Unanimously.**
17-447 4E. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Gail Fraley. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. Mayor's Report:
17-448 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and approve the final pay estimate number 8 for the Wick Road Phase I GLWA 48" Water Main installation project in the amount of $193,264.78, which is 100 percent reimbursable by the Great Lakes Water Authority. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
17-449 5B. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and adopt the City of Romulus Poverty Exemption for 2018 to be used by the Board of Review to approve or deny poverty exemptions. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
17-450 5C. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Clinical Site Agreement between the City of Romulus Fire Dept. and Emergency Medical Training Center (EMTC) which will allow emergency medical technician students from EMTC to shadow with the Romulus Fire Dept. as part of the State-required clinical contact hours for the EMT program. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
17-451 5D. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and award ITB 17/18-08 to the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder, Great Lakes Power and Lighting, for emergency, "on-call" and "as-needed" electric services for the City of Romulus Department of Public Works at the hourly rates and material and equipment pricing submitted along with their bid for a three-year term to end December 31, 2020.
Discussion: Councilwoman Webb asked for clarification that the bid is for City grounds and buildings. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
17-452 5E. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and waive the bidding requirement of the Purchasing Ordinance and authorize the purchase of a 26' Step Van for the City of Romulus Water Department at a discounted rate through the State of Michigan MiDeal from Cannon Truck Equipment in the amount of $158,000.
Discussion: Councilman Wadsworth asked for clarification that if no bids are received then the City can use state bids. Councilwoman Webb expressed concerns regarding waiving the bidding process; Mayor Burcroff explained that although it doesn't happen often, it may be necessary to waive the bidding process again in the future depending on the circumstances. Councilwoman Abdo reiterated that there were no bids; thus, allowing the City to use state bids. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
6A. Clerk's Report:
17-453 6A1. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Talley** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 17/18-17, Ecorse and Vining Road Construction, which was introduced at the Council meeting of Dec. 11, 2017. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
17-454 6A2. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of Amended Ordinance Chapter 62, Water and Sewer, which was introduced at the Council meeting of Dec. 11, 2017. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried.**
17-455 6A3. Moved by **Webb**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve second reading, final adoption of Amended Ordinance Chapter 34, Article III, Sections 34-48 through 34-52, Noxious Weeds, which was introduced at the Council meeting of Dec. 11, 2017. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
17-456 6A4. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Webb** to schedule a study session (open meeting) to view a presentation by DivDat Kiosk Network on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
17-457 6A5. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Talley** to schedule a study session (open meeting) to present the June 30, 2017 Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
6B. Treasurer's Report: None.
6C. Officers Compensation Commission Report:
Moved by **Williams,** seconded by **Abdo** to reject the recommendation of the Officers Compensation Commission. After discussion and no roll call vote, the maker of the motion rescinded the original motion.
17-458 6C1. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a study session (open meeting) with the Officers Compensation Commission on Monday, Jan. 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
7. Public Comment:
City Cable and Media Relations Liaison and Rotary member, Dennis Davidson, announced that the Rotary New Year's Eve party has been cancelled. Director of Building and Safety, Bob McCraight, thanked everyone who helped with the Wreaths Across America project. He also announced the upcoming blanket drive to benefit homeless veterans. A resident commented on the Democratic Club.
8. Unfinished Business: None.
9. New business: None.
10. Communication: None.
17-459 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to pay Warrant 17-24 in the amount of $3,577,590.98. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 27, 2017.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Officially official

Three new members of the Westland City Council took their oaths of office Tuesday, Jan. 2 and Mayor William Wild was officially sworn in for his third term. New members of the council taking their oaths were Jim Hart, in above photo from left, Tasha Green and Michael Londeau. Each is serving their first-term in office. Wild took his oath of office supported by his wife, Sherri, and daughters, Lily and Peyton. Following the ceremonies, the city council members and other officials convened for the first meeting of 2018.

Photo by Craig Herbert WLND Westland

Councilman files challenge to recall petitions

Wayne City Councilman Christopher Sanders has officially challenged the recall petitions submitted to the Wayne County Elections Commission as "fatally defective."

Sanders, through his attorney John D. Pirich, submitted the challenge to the petitions Jan. 5, claiming that the petitions violate legal specifications.

In the filing, Pirich claims that the paper petitions used to collect the signatures are outdated and incorrect and do not conform to updated specifications adopted and enacted as state law. One of the deficiencies cited is a failure of the petition to include a space for the identification of the petition circulator as an out-of-state resident.

"Clearly, the petitions submitted against Christopher Sanders do not comply with all the mandatory provisions of MCL 168.544c. In fact, as noted in the lower left hand corner of each petition is referenced to 'Form No. 2011-2003 Revision-Approved by State Director of Elections'. Hence, the form is outdated and not in compliance with the mandatory legislative requirement," the filing states. According to the filing, new petition language was adopted and amended by the state following litigation in 2014.

The filing cites multiple cases of litigation involving challenges based on the residences of circulators, all finding in favor of the subject of the recall as a basis for the challenge.

Included in the seven-page filing are multiple examples of court findings supporting the claims that the petitions, which contained about 1,400 signatures, should not be certified based on the failure of the circulators to use the correct form. The petitioners needed more than 1,183 valid signatures of Wayne voters in the last gubernatorial election to place the issue on the May, 2018 ballot.

The recall effort against Sanders and three other officials was based on their respective votes to extend their terms of office by one year in an effort to move all City of Wayne municipal election dates to even-numbered years as a cost saving measure. The effort to recall Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe and council members Ryan Gabriel and Anthony Miller appears to have been abandoned as petitioners became aware that the three officials would have been within six months of the end of their elected terms by the May election date, therefore exempting them from recall by state law.

Bob Boertje, who submitted the recall petitions to election officials, has been notified of the challenge and had until yesterday to submit a written response to the elections commission.

Following that response, a hearing before the three-member elections commission is expected to be scheduled to determine the validity of Sanders' challenge.

Schools host open house

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an 8th grade parent night at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne.

This evening is for current eighth-grade students and their families or families interested in more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2018-2019 school year. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to participate in this event.

Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and much more.

All are welcome to attend, and questions are encouraged.

Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot, and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For questions, contact the Wayne Memorial counseling department at (734) 419-2215.

To subscribe to The Eagle call 734-467-1900.

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL
Council Meeting
Record of Attendance
1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

Pursuant to City of Westland Council Resolution No. 8-85-441, the following record of attendance of Council members at regular and special meetings is published for the year 2017.

Councilperson	No. of Meetings	Meetings Attended	Percentage
Christine Cicirelli Bryant	25	19	76%
Kevin Coleman	25	25	100%
James R. Godbout	25	25	100%
Adam Hammons	25	24	96%
Peter Herzberg	25	25	100%
Bill Johnson	25	25	100%
Michael Kehrer	25	24	96%

Richard LeBlanc
Westland City Clerk

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL
Study Session
Record of Attendance
1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

Pursuant to City of Westland Council Resolution No. 8-85-441, the following record of attendance of Council members at study sessions is published for the year 2017.

Councilperson	No. of Meetings	Meetings Attended	Percentage
Christine Cicirelli Bryant	16	16	100%
Kevin Coleman	16	14	88%
James R. Godbout	16	16	100%
Adam Hammons	16	16	100%
Peter Herzberg	16	16	100%
Bill Johnson	16	14	88%
Michael Kehrer	16	15	94%

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 1 1/2/18

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Green, Hammons, Hart, Herzberg, Johnson, Londeau
01: Close nominations for Council President.
02: Close nominations for Council President Pro-Tem.
03: Agrmnt. w/Nocerini Strategy Group LLC for grant/governmental relation svcs; term 1/2/18 - 1/2/19, amt. $6,000/mo.
- Adopt. Ord. 109-N to amend Ch. 62, Sec. 62-163 re. taking/possession of another person's
credit card or other financial transaction device.
05: Minutes of regular meeting held 12/18/17.
06: Minutes of study session held 12/18/17.
07: Conf. re-appt. of B. Thompson as Planning Director effective 1/1/18.
08: Conf. appt. of B. Harnos as Parks & Recreation Director effective 1/3/18.
09: Appr. 100% starting salary for Parks & Recreation Director B. Harnos.
10: Appr. checklist: $3,658,712.18.
Mtg. adj. at 8:31 p.m.

James Godbout
Council President

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 109-N

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WESTLAND CITY CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 62, SECTION 62-163, CONCERNING THE TAKING OR POSSESSION OF ANOTHER PERSON'S CREDIT CARD OR OTHER FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICE

It is hereby ordained:

Section 1. That Chapter 62, Section 62-163 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

"Sec. 62-163. Stealing, taking, or removing financial transaction device; possession of fraudulent or altered financial transaction device..

(1) A person who steals, knowingly takes, or knowingly removes a financial transaction device from the person or possession of a deviceholder, or who knowingly retains, knowingly possesses, knowingly secretes, or knowingly uses a financial transaction device without the consent of the deviceholder, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) A person who knowingly possesses a fraudulent or altered financial transaction device is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(3) Definitions. As used in this section:

(a) "Credit card" means either of the following:

(i) Any instrument or device which is sold, issued, or otherwise distributed by a business organization or financial institution for the use of the person or organization identified on the instrument or device for obtaining goods, property, services, or anything of value on credit.

(ii) An instrument or device which is issued or otherwise distributed by an organization for the use of the person identified on the instrument or device for obtaining health care services or goods or reimbursement or payment for health care services or goods. As used in this subparagraph, "organization" means any of the following:

(A) A dental care corporation incorporated under Act No. 125 of the Public Acts of 1963, being *sections 550.351* to *550.373 of the Michigan Compiled Laws*.

(B) A health care corporation incorporated under the nonprofit health care corporation reform act, Act No. 350 of the Public Acts of 1980, being *sections 550.1101* to *550.1704 of the Michigan Compiled Laws*.

(C) A health maintenance organization licensed under article 17 of the public health code, Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being *sections 333.20101* to *333.22181 of the Michigan Compiled Laws*.

(D) An insurer as defined in section 106 of the insurance code of 1956, Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, being *section 500.106 of the Michigan Compiled Laws*.

(E) A third party administrator operating under a certificate of authority issued by the commissioner pursuant to the third party administrator act, Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1984, being *sections 550.901* to *550.962 of the Michigan Compiled Laws*.

(b) "Deposit account" includes share, deposit, member, and savings accounts of financial institutions.

(c) "Credit account" means the account through which a business organization or financial institution allows a person or organization to obtain goods, property, services, or any other thing of value on credit.

(d) "Deviceholder" means either of the following:

(i) The person or organization who requests a financial transaction device and to whom or for whose benefit a financial transaction device is subsequently issued.

(ii) The person or organization to whom a financial transaction device was issued and who used or accepted a financial transaction device, whether the issuance of the financial transaction device was requested or not.

(e) "Financial institution" means a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union, and includes a corporation wholly owned by a financial institution or by the holding company parent of a financial institution.

(f) "Financial transaction device" means any of the following:

(i) An electronic funds transfer card.

(ii) A credit card.

(iii) A debit card.

(iv) A point-of-sale card.

(v) Any instrument, device, card, plate, code, account number, personal identification number, or a record or copy of a code, account number, or personal identification number or other means of access to a credit account or deposit account, or a driver's license or state identification card used to access a proprietary account, other than access originated solely by a paper instrument, that can be used alone or in conjunction with another access device, for any of the following purposes:

(A) Obtaining money, cash refund or credit account credit, goods, services, or any other thing of value.

(B) Certifying or guaranteeing to a person or business the availability to the deviceholder of funds on deposit to honor a draft or check payable to the order of that person or business.

(C) Providing the deviceholder access to a deposit account for the purpose of making deposits, withdrawing funds, transferring funds between deposit accounts, obtaining information pertaining to a deposit account, or making an electronic funds transfer as defined in section 3(4) of Act No. 322 of the Public Acts of 1978, being *section 488.3 of the Michigan Compiled Laws*.

(g) "Proprietary account" means the account which is maintained by a business organization in the name of an individual person or organization and through which the business organization allows the person or organization to obtain goods, property, services, or any other thing of value on credit."

Section 2. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 4. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

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Canton - Plymouth

Municipal Services wins State Accreditation

The Canton Township Municipal Services Department (MSD) has been awarded the prestigious American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation designation, only the second department in the State of Michigan to achieve the honor.

The APWA Accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry, as contained in the APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual. Canton was awarded the honor last Nov. 20.

A spokesman noted that the Canton department had been working toward the accreditation since October of 2014. In November of 2017 the department was visited by a review team comprising public works professionals from Lenexa, Kansas, Shoreline, Washington and Kansas City, Missouri. During the site visit, the review team completed a thorough evaluation of operations.

"The Accreditation of Canton's Municipal Services Department indicates the department met all applicable Accreditation documentation and practices over time. It proves we've dedicated ourselves to concepts of improvement and in-depth self-assessment of department policies, procedures and practices. We're honored to join our Canton colleagues in the Public Safety and Leisure Services Departments in becoming accredited," said MSD Director Tim Faas. "The heroes of this prestigious APWA award are the many staff who work tirelessly to provide exceptional public services that support and maintain the safety and quality of life for our residents, businesses and visitors."

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The Canton Municipal Services Department becomes the 133rd agency in North America to be awarded accreditation, and the second agency in Michigan. In addition to Canton, Farmington Hills is also accredited.

"I am so proud to be involved with an organization whose entire team strives each day to be a true leader in the field of local governance and operations like Canton employees do," said Canton Supervisor Pat Williams. "When I am in the field at different events with other mayors and supervisors throughout our region I am repeatedly told that Canton Township as an enterprise is a true benchmark community."

The award was presented to Canton by APWA Region V Director Richard Berning during the Canton Board of Trustee Jan. 9.

Student radio station hosts 10th record show

The 10th annual 88.1 Record Show is set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Salem High School Cafeteria.

Thousand of vinyl records, CDs, import only releases, t-shirts, posters and other collectibles will be on display during the event. Proceeds fro m the show will benefit the nationally-recognized student radio station operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The show will also offer special giveaways and door prizes in addition to a wide variety of vendors displaying their wares. Show organizers hope to build on the success of the show last year when 400 people attended the event. Organizers said much of the success of the show can be attributed to the resurgence of interest in vinyl records.

"I don't even own a record player and I love attending the show," said Serafine Hinz, operations manager at 88.1 the Park. "The vinyl is amazing to see and I love finding CDs from all types of musicians. Even though I don't always go planning to buy music, I've never left empty-handed," she added.

Admission to the record show during normal show hours is $3. Collectors wanting an early start can gain early admission between 9 and 10 a.m. for $5. Admission for students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools is free with a student ID.

The proceeds will benefit the station continue serving the community with programming and broadcast training for students. The record show is one of the main fundraisers for the station each year.

Vendor seeking to rent tables can contact Station Manager Bill Keith at (734)416-7732 or bill.keith@pccsk12.com. Eight foot tables can be reserved for $30.

Salem High School is located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton at the corner of Joy and Canton Center roads. The cafeteria is located on the first floor, just inside the main entrance of the school.

Festival

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will be Miss Michigan USA Elizabeth Johnson, a Plymouth resident, and Miss Michigan Teen USA Anane Loveday. The pair will appear in the Hot Spot in The Gathering from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday.

Another addition to the activities this year is the DTE Energy Foundation sponsored Tubing Run on Ann Arbor Trail near Union Street, when brave visitors can sled on an inner-tube-like device across synthetic snow. The fee will be $2 a ride or $5 for an all-day pass.

"No matter what the weather, there will be snow at the Tubing Run," Gietzen said.

The traditional Party Lot will start the music behind E.G. Nick's on Forest Street at about 8 p.m., both Friday and Saturday, although the heated tent with beer and wine service will open at 7. The Party Tent has become a tradition at the Ice Festival, along with the bar carved from ice on the patio in front of the restaurant where a cheerful staff serves "ice cold" drinks.

"This is the biggest ice show in the area," Gietzen said. "Others include snow sculptures, too, but we stick strictly to ice. And we make sure there is something for everyone. We're not kidding when we say we get from 75,000 to 100,000 people at the event.

"The recent cold weather has kept people inside after the holidays. This is a great way to get out and really have a great time," Gietzen said.

(A complete guide to the Ice Festival is included with this edition of The Eagle.)

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Raffle winner receives $17,200 prize

Judy Wagner had an unexpected and merry Christmas.

Wagner, who has grandchildren in Northville elementary schools, was the winner of $17,200 in the Northville Educational Foundation Cash For College raffle in December.

Since late August, the Northville Educational Foundation sold tickets for the drawing. While 975 tickets were sold during the campaign, the raffle did not reach the prize maximum so it reverted to a 50/50 drawing. The prize is to be used toward future, present or past college tuition or loans.

By the time ticket sales ended, just before the Northville Holiday Lighted Parade, the jackpot was $17,200. While the crowd waited in the town square for Santa to arrive, the winning ticket was drawn by Northville Mayor Ken Roth.

Wagner's ticket was drawn but she wasn't at the event. Following the holiday festivities, Roth called Wagner to tell her the good news. She was actually home when he called but did not recognize the number so let the call go to the answering machine. She said she stood there listening to it and was so surprised that she was not sure if she should pick up the phone. She had to have her husband listen to it to make sure she heard it correctly, she said.

After she heard the message, Wagner said she called her daughter who was just returning home from the parade with her family. Even after listening to the message again, Wagner wasn't completely convinced she won until Christa Howley, director of the Northville Educational Foundation, called her the following Monday.

> *You can't even imagine how happy and blessed I feel right now.*

During that phone call, Wagner kept repeating, "I've never won anything in my life! . . . I've never won anything in my life!"

A teacher for more than 40 years, Wagner told Howley, "You can't even imagine how happy and blessed I feel right now. I bought the ticket with the purpose of helping your educational programs and never did the thought cross my mind that I might actually win. I am all about kids and education."

She is planning on using some of the money for her grandchildren's college fund. She said she still has some college debt from her own daughters so she might use some of it to pay that off, too.

"This raffle is exciting because the jackpot is significant. It truly can help pay for college," said Howley, "In Judy's case, if she puts it into her grandchildren's 529 plans, the money will have an opportunity to grow for years before they begin college."

Proceeds from the raffle benefit the Northville Educational Foundation and the many programs they support in the Northville Public Schools that help enrich the education of more than 7,000 students, Howley said.

"We appreciate everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. The proceeds from this fundraiser will greatly impact the programs we are supporting in the district this year."

Library director ordered to accept pay raise

The Belleville Area District Library Director has been ordered by the board of directors to accept a 2.5 percent pay increase.

Director Mary Jo Suchy refused the raise last year, opting to use the additional funding to pay expenses at the library. This year, the board members told Suchy that she could not refuse the raise which was recommended by the personnel committee. Suchy is currently paid $77,251 prior to the recommended increase of about $1,750.

The personnel committee informed Suchy that should she attempt to refuse the raise again this year, she would be required to take more days off from the job. Chairman of the library board Sharon Peters commented that Suchy works 24 hours a day, seven days a week and that she works at the facility even on her days off.

The evaluation of Suchy's performance took place in an open meeting of the library board members last month. While Suchy could have requested a closed meeting, she opted to have her performance discussed at a public meeting. All comments from the board members on Suchy's professional performance were positive, ranging from outstanding to above average, with a single comment suggesting that her performance could be improved in a specific area, which was not identified.

The board members also approved the job description for a technology manager at the new library to be paid from $47,000 to $62,000 who will supervise the satellite location in Sumpter Township.

A groundbreaking for the new library has been scheduled for Saturday, April 14.

Contageous Curiosity on exhibit

The Northville Art House will exhibit Contagious Curiosity: Todd Burroughs with Students and Instructors from the Atelier featuring paintings, drawings and photographs by Burroughs with students and instructors from Metro Detroit. Burroughs has been practicing and teaching classical techniques for more than 14 years. He currently teaches painting and drawing at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and the College for Creative Studies. The desire to pass on his artistic knowledge led to teaching being an important part of his studio.

Contagious Curiosity will continue through Saturday, Jan. 27 during Art House hours, noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and noon until 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE
2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
JANUARY 23, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 in the Town Hall Meeting Room of the Plymouth Township Hall located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the Board any proposed use of the 2018 CDBG funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program are that the estimated 2018 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately $91,072. Wayne County requires that our request for public service projects not exceed 15 % of the total allocation. Based on that special requirement the projects are proposed as follows:

ESTIMATED 2018 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15%
PUBLIC SERVICE CAP

	Allocation	
PUBLIC SERVICES	**$13,660**	
Senior Services	**$6,830**	
Council on Aging		$4,606
Senior Alliance		$2,224
Senior Transportation	**$6,830**	
ADMINISTRATION	**$9,107**	
BRICK & MORTAR	**$68,305**	
ADA Township Facility Improvements		$68,305
TOTAL ALLOCATION	**$91,072**	

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth will determine the use of the 2018 funds upon completion of the January 23, 2018 public hearing.

Any written comments regarding the proposed use of the 2018 funds should be directed to Sarah Visel, Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday, January 19, 2018.

Jerry Vorva
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Dr. King

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Choir, Womack Temple Choir, Christ Temple Male Choir, The Voices of New Birth from New Birth Baptist Church and recording artist Brother Clarence Jackson.

The gospel celebration of Dr. King's life is free and open to the public.

During the event, National Christians in Action will host a blanket drive to help local homeless shelters for victims of domestic violence and homeless families in Western Wayne County. The group is asking for donations of any type of new blanket to help those in need.

The blanket drive and tribute to Dr. King is being organized by community partners New Birth Baptist Church and National Christians in Action along with the Inkster Unity in the Community Committee.

Sponsors include Starfish Family Services and the City of Inkster.

For more information contact Inkster City Councilwoman Connie Mitchell at (313) 330-1621 or Carolyn Smith, Starfish Community Outreach Coordinator, (313) 300-2497.

In Romulus:

Cold weather won't stop the City of Romulus from celebrating the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King on Monday.

The city is celebrating the annual Martin Luther King Day tribute again this year, which includes a unity walk, a community breakfast and then a program at Romulus High School. It is an event coordinated by the city, the Romulus Community Schools and the Romulus Ministerial Alliance (RMA).

"Romulus puts on the best Martin Luther King Day programs in this entire area," said the Rev. Arthur Willis, of the RMA.

The event has two parts: a unity walk at 8 a.m. and a celebration at 9:30 a.m. at the high school. Anyone wishing to take part in the walk, which starts at Romulus Middle School on Wick Road and travels up Wick to Wayne Road and the high school, should meet beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the middle school. They can also park at the high school and take a shuttle to the middle school lot.

The breakfast, sponsored by the Rotary Club, begins at 8 a.m. and continues until the ceremony. The celebration will take place in the high school auditorium and include students, religious leaders, elected officials and the keynote speaker, Loren D. Townes Jr. of Washtenaw Community College.

"We've got a great theme this year: it's called Unity Has No Colors," said Willis. "We want to push it not just in the City of Romulus, but across the state. There is no color in unity. When you come together for unity, it doesn't matter."

He said the event is always popular and inspiring, and hopes for another great turn out this year.

"We want to make this a big event. We want to show what Dr. King has done for us," he said.

"It is always a great event," said Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff.

In Westland

Huel Perkins, lead anchor at Fox 2 News Detroit, will deliver the Keynote Address at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony in Westland on Monday, Jan. 15.

Perkins has been an anchor with Fox 2 News Detroit for 24 years and has won two Emmy Awards for reporting and four nominations for Best Anchor. Perkins also hosts the popular talk show, "Let It Rip" which airs on Thursday evenings.

Participants are asked to gather at Westland City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Road beginning at 8:30 a.m. From there, participants will be shuttled to the Westland Public Library for the Freedom Walk, which will begin at 9 a.m. The Freedom Walk will symbolize all of those who marched with Dr. King more than 50 years ago. The short walk will end at Westland City Hall.

City Hall doors will open beginning at 8 a.m. The ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m., will include messages from Mayor William R. Wild and other state and local elected officials. Light refreshments will be provided by the Westland Police Community Partnership Committee.

"I am honored to welcome Huel Perkins and other esteemed figures to our annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony," commented Wild. "Every year I am humbled by the incredible turnout for this event which signifies unity in the City of Westland. We honor Dr. King by remembering his life, legacy and vision and by reflecting on how we can best live up to his dream today."

Calendar of events

Library selling used books

The Friends of the Romulus Library are hosting a used book and mini-flea market/cookie sale from 10 a,m. until 7:30 p.m. today, Jan. 11, and from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. tomorrow, Jan. 12 and Saturday, Jan. 13.

All proceeds will benefit the Romulus Public Library. There will be gently used items and books, but no clothing at the sale.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Butterfly Ball tickets on sale

Tickets for the Valentine's Day tradition Butterfly Ball in Canton are now on sale.

The dance returns to the Summit on the Park Feb. 9 and 10, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories for dads and daughters.

The evening will include dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the highly anticipated- balloon drop that caps off the festivities. Three dances are scheduled this year, 6 p.m. Feb. 9 and 2 or 6 p.m. Feb. 10.

All three dances will in the Summit Gymnasium this year.

Tickets are $11 for Canton residents and $14 for non-residents. All ticket sales will end Feb. 1. Dads and daughters, regardless of age, are required to purchase a ticket to attend. This annual event has sold out in the past, so early ticket purchase is advised.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

Blanket drive under way

A blanket drive to benefit the Michigan Veterans Foundation is now under way in Romulus collecting new and gently used blankets, comforters, quilts, afghans and twin size sheet sets.

Donation locations have been established in Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road; Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road; Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne Road; Romulus Department of Pubic Works, 12600 Wayne Road and Romulus Fire Station #4, 28777 Eureka Road.

The drive is sponsored by City of Romulus employees, Romulus Professional Firefighters Local 4128 and Detroit Metro Airport Firefighters Local 741.

The final day for donations will be Friday, Jan. 19.

Chess club to meet

The Romulus Public Library Chess Club will meet from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13.

All ages are welcome and the meeting is free. No registration is necessary. Board will be provided by participants are welcome to bring their own.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be some handouts to help new players. Although this is not an instructional program, there will be experienced players who are welcome to help new players learn the game.

Light refreshments will be served.

The program is hosted in partnership with the City of Romulus Recreation Department.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For information, call (734) 942-7589.

Genealogy Society meets

Members of the Northville Genealogy Society will meet beginning at 1:15 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Northville District Library.

There will be a roundtable discussion on the topic "How to find local and county histories." Grace Wilfong will be speaking on how to find local and county history using books, printed and or on-line resources.

The public is invited to attend, free of charge, at the library, located at 212 West Cady St. in Northville.

There will be a business meeting at 2:30 p.m. followed by Katherine Willson speaking on "Military Record Research" at 3 p.m.

Willson of Ann Arbor, is a highly-acclaimed, nationally-known public speaker who gives keynote addresses and conference presentations on many genealogy topics.

For more information, call Carol Hahn at (734) 812-2449.

Senior Book Club to meet

The Senior Book Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 16 at the Romulus Senior Center.

All adults 55 and older are welcome to join the discussion of the books, Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stow or Gone For Good by Harlan Coben.

Copies of both books are available at the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

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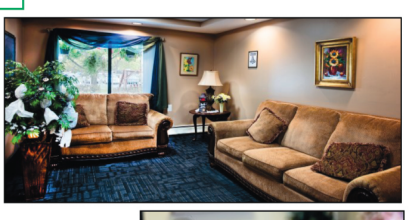

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